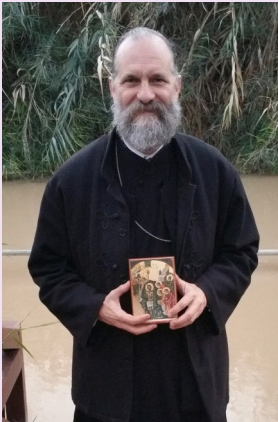


THE LENTEN LECTURE SERIES 2019

PLEASE JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT AT 6:00 PM FOR PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY. FOLLOWING LITURGY THERE WILL BE A LENTEN MEAL PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY FOLLOWED BY OUR LENTEN LECTURE SERIES THAT WILL BE SURE TO STRENGTHEN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY. OUR SPEAKERS THIS YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:



FR. MICHAEL PLATANIS “ EXPLORING THE MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE AND CONFESSION ” MARCH 13TH

Protopresbyter Michael A. Platanis is currently the Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Columbia, SC.

He is a graduate of Holy Cross where he received his Masters in Divinity in 1990. He will be speaking on the subject of the Mystery of Repentance and Confession.

Repentance is indeed an act of reconciliation, of reintegration into the Body of Christ,

which has been torn asunder by sin. For "if one member suffers, all suffer together" (1 Corinthians 12.26). "Therefore, confess your sins to one another ... that you may be healed" (James 5.16). The whole Church expresses a search for repentance in the repeated words of the Psalmist in Psalm 50. It is through the faith of the community that the individual is readmitted and forgiven.



DEAN POLIZOS “ PANAGIA VIMATARISSA ” MARCH 20TH

Dean, a native of Atlanta, is among the most active members in the Holy Trinity Community. Sporting a love for educating the young and old alike, he has spearheaded the Hellenic Dance Ministry in our parish for nearly a decade. At the core of his love of Hellenism and the Greek culture lies a deep seeded love for the Orthodox Faith. Aside from teaching Hellenic dance to people of all ages, he teaches

the youth at the Antiochian Village summer camp about what it means to live an Orthodox life in Christ.

He will be teaching us about a sacred jewel of the Church, the miraculous icon of Panagia Vimatarissa that was brought to the Diakonia Retreat Center last year, and about the Church's love for the Theotokos.



MICHAEL BISHOP “ SERVING THE HOMELESS AND CARING FOR VETERANS ” MARCH 27TH

Michael Bishop is a North Carolina Native born and raised in Greensboro and served in the United States Marine Corps 1989-1994 and was in Desert Shield/Storm.

In 2007 Michael lost his house and car after being reinjured from an accident while serving in the USMC. He spent 16 months at South Wilmington Street Shelter and was able to get employed and housing. Within 2 years the non-profit Michael was working for went bank-

rupt. A fellow Marine overheard about a new temporary job coming to the VA working with homeless Veterans helping them find employment, Michael applied and starting working for the VA in 2011. What was supposed to be a 3 year temporary job has become full time and 8 years later Michael is still working with homeless. In 2014 Michael bought a house and now lives in Durham, NC.

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FR. ANTHONY SALZMAN “ BECOMING ORTHODOX ” APRIL 3RD



Fr. Anthony Salzman graduated from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology Summa Cum Laude in 1989. He spent the next 6 years studying the Art of Byzantine Iconography under Master Iconographer Kosta Photiadeis in Thessaloniki, Greece. He is currently engaged in painting large mural icons for St. Andrews Orthodox Church in Pensacola, Florida, and recently completed the ceiling of St. Sophia GOC in New London, CT.

He will be holding a workshop in Salem, SC in May of 2018 at the Diakonia Retreat Center as part of The Liturgical Arts Academy, sponsored by a generous grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta.

He serves the Church of St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church in Watkinsville, Ga., since 1999. He is married to Christine and has two sons, and two grandchildren.

DR. GEORGE STAVROS “ POTHoles ON THE LENTEN ROAD TO HUMILITY ” APRIL 10TH



George Stavros joined the School of Theology faculty in Spring 2010 to oversee the Counseling Psychology and Religion doctoral program. He has been on the clinical and training staff of the Danielsen Institute since 2004 and currently serves as Executive Director. His teaching and research interests are in psychotherapy,

psychotherapy training, and spiritually integrated psychotherapy, and he is a licensed psychologist and certified pastoral counselor.

He will be addressing grandiosity, reactivity to difference and conflict, and the self, a study which his team at Boston University recently completed.

CHRISTINE KUSHNER “ MY LIFE IN OUR CHURCH ” APRIL 17TH



Christine Kushner, a professional policy analyst and freelance writer, has lived in Wake County since 1989. A product of North Carolina public schools, she graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has a master's degree in Public Affairs from Princeton University.

Her work as a policy analyst, consultant, and journalist has focused on the fields of public health, health care access, and public education. She has experience in communica-

tion, policy, program administration, and grant-writing. She has been active in several PTAs, has served on school improvement teams, and still volunteers in WCPSS classrooms. She is a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and is a William Friday Fellow for Human Relations through the Wildacres Leadership Initiative . Christine has served on the Wake County Board of Education since 2011, serving two terms as Chair.